

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
(Attorney Docket No. 00-388-A)

In re the Application of:	)	
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Nolan et al.	)	Examiner: Layla Soroush
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Application No.: 09/851,743	)	Group Art Unit: 1617
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Filing Date: May 9, 2001	)	
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For: Methods for Testing Compounds	)	
Useful In Treating Diabetic	)	
Complications	)	

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**  
**MAILED FEBRUARY 8, 2007**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Madam:

Responsive to the Official Action, mailed February 8, 2007, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the pending claims in light of the following remarks and amendments. Amendments begin on page 2 of this response. Remarks begin on page 7 of this response.

**Status of the Claims in this Application**

Claims 1-4, 6-7, 13-16, 18-19, 25-26, 28-31, and 33-46 are pending in the application. Claim 37 has been amended for clarification of its dependency on Claim 36. The amendments are supported throughout the specification and claims as originally filed, and thus do not constitute new matter. The grounds of rejection asserted in the Official Action have been overcome by amendment or traversed by argument below.